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Subject: Testimony on HB 5733

From: Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>
Date: Sunday, February 10, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Michael Dugan <mike@capitolconsultingct.com>
Subject: House bill 5733

Dear Mike,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5733 I support the concept of this bill, but I ask that it be amended in such a way to limit access to all death certificates, not just minors.

I am a staff member at Sandy Hook School and was there on December 14th when 26 members of our school family were brutally murdered. I have learned that over the past 7 weeks the media has repeatedly contacted the TownClerk requesting copies of all the death records. They want to know where the victims are buried and how they died. These records contain home addresses, who identified the deceased and their address, burial location and mothers maiden name.

Please amend the bill to do the following:

- Restrict access of the complete Death and Marriage Certificates to only immediate family/authorized agency/attorney
- Offer a certified registration of event to those who do not fall under the same or similar guidelines already established for issuing birth certificates

Death and Marriage certificates are called Vital Records, but are only "Vital" to the families named on them, used for Probate, apply for a driver's license, passports, applying for a social security card and school and health insurance enrollment.

Providing entire certificates will open the door to identity theft, possible endangerment, threats and intimidation to families. Please help us by protecting the families here in Newtown who have lost so much.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Jacob